

Mr. Speaker, as I listen to the debate in this House we need to put politics aside and pursue policies that move America forward.

I encourage my Republican colleagues to focus on legislation that creates jobs, economic recovery, and debt reduction.

While cutting spending is an important aspect to reducing the deficit, we must ensure that it is done in a way that will not threaten jobs, economic growth, or the security of our middle class.

I am particularly troubled by recent proposals that would slash long term investments in transportation, clean energy, innovation, and education. Spending cuts in these areas are unwise for our economic future and especially when it comes at the expense of American workers.

We need to continue to foster investments in these fields in order to expand private sector growth and put America back to work.

The situation in this country is such that every bill that comes before this House must be measured by whether it creates jobs, strengthens the middle class, and reduces the deficit.

It is imperative that we come together to meet these goals in order to lay the foundation for future prosperity in this country.

I yield back.